

THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2024

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**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON
TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 7.00PM**

In the Chair : The Mayor, Councillor McQuillan

Present : Alderman Boyle, Callan, Coyle, Fielding, Hunter,
Knight-McQuillan, S McKillop, Scott, Stewart

Councillors Anderson, C Archibald, N Archibald, Bateson,
Callaghan, Chivers, Holmes, Huggins, Kane, Kennedy, Kyle,
Jonathan McAuley, MA McKillop, McMullan, McShane,
Nicholl, Peacock, Schenning, Stirling, Storey, Watson, Watton,
Wilson, Wisener

Officers Present : D Jackson, Chief Executive
M Quinn, Director of Corporate Services
D Hunter, Council Solicitor
A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services
P Mulvenna, Director of Leisure and Development
D Wright, Chief Finance Officer
P Donaghy, Democratic and Central Services Manager (R)
U Harper, Committee and Member Services Officer
I Owens, Committee and Member Services Officer (R)

In attendance : A Lennox, Mobile Operations Officer
M Kennedy, ICT Technical Support Officer

Press, 3 no. (R)

Key – (R) = Attended Remotely

1. THE MAYOR'S BUSINESS

The Mayor stated:

I want to begin by expressing our deepest condolences on the recent passing of Joseph Hegarty. On behalf of all of us here on the council staff, our thoughts and sympathies are with Michael, Andrea, and the wider Hegarty family during this difficult time.

I also believe it's important to address the incident that occurred at the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre. We are all relieved and thankful that Benjamin is doing well and on the road to recovery. I want to extend my gratitude to all the Council staff and first

responders and NI ambulance service for their quick response during this serious incident.

Last week, I had the pleasure attending the Lammas Fair, where we witnessed enormous crowds from near and far coming to Ballycastle to celebrate Ireland's oldest fair. I'd like to thank all the Council staff involved in organising this event. However, I was made aware there were some concerns regarding the fair and the trading times. I understand that Councillor McShane will be raising this as an item of AORB at the next Leisure and Development Committee meeting.

Lastly, I want to highlight the recent celebrations in Ballymoney, where the high street won five awards at the Retail NI High Street Heroes Awards, and the High Street of the Year for the second consecutive year. This is a remarkable achievement and a testament to the hard work and dedication of the local businesses and community. I would also like to extend our congratulations to Coleraine for winning a gold award for the best healthcare retailer. This accomplishment reflects the vibrant and thriving spirit in our community.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Alderman John McAuley, Councillor Mairs, Councillor McCully, Councillor McGlinchey, Councillor McGurk and Councillor Wallace.

3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

The Chief Executive declared an interest in Item 6.1, Coleraine Business Improvement District, as the returning officer for the BID voting process. The Chief Executive stood aside for this part of the meeting.

4. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 6 AUGUST 2024

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Peacock
Seconded by Alderman Scott and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday 6 August 2024 were confirmed as a correct record.

5. MINUTES OF THE TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION OVERSIGHT PANEL MEETING HELD MONDAY 12 AUGUST 2024

Copy, previously circulated.

The Chief Executive reported good progress and advised that there would be a further update to the Transformation Programme Implementation Oversight Panel next week.

Councillor Peacock, as Chair of the Transformation Programme Implementation Oversight Panel, noted the work done so far and expressed disappointment that the only two items that will be outstanding after the end of the process, after tremendous work from our officers, will be the Department for Communities items. She congratulated officers on their continued efforts.

Proposed by Councillor Peacock
Seconded by Alderman Scott and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Transformation Programme Implementation Oversight Panel meeting held Monday 12 August 2024 were adopted and recommendations therein approved.

6. LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

6.1 Coleraine Business Improvement District

Report, previously circulated, was presented by the Director of Leisure and Development.

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to inform members on the progress of the Coleraine Business Improvement District [CBID] Ballot and to recommend that Council vote 'Yes' on the final Business Plan for the next round of the Coleraine BID 2024-2029.

Background

What is a BID?

A BID is a business led initiative within a defined geographical area, in this case Coleraine Town Centre, which will identify actions for additional improvements which are funded via an additional mandatory levy collected through the rates system.

A BID can occur where a group of interested businesses get together with their local authority to consider what improvements are needed in their area over and above statutory provision. They then put together a plan, cost it, and decide on an amount of levy that each business must pay over a 5-year period to fund the improvements. The plan is then put out for ballot across all businesses included in the BID area. If the ballot is successful, the BID is implemented, and all businesses in the area must pay. BIDs have seen tremendous success across England, Scotland and many other European and international locations. Since the establishment of national Business Improvement

District legislation in England and Wales in 2005, there are over 180 BIDs in place investing more than £300 million into local economies.

The Business Improvement Districts Act (NI) received Royal Assent on 21 March 2013 and secondary legislation was implemented in 2014. This has allowed businesses in Northern Ireland to work with their local councils to establish BIDs on a statutory, rather than voluntary, basis. There are currently 8 BIDs operating in Northern Ireland: three in Belfast; one in Ballymena; one in Enniskillen; one in Newry; one in Strabane; and one in Coleraine.

Council previously voted 'Yes' to the CBID Ballot in August 2018

<https://www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/council/minutes/14th-august-2018-leisure-and-development-committee>

and adopted at the full council meeting 28/8/2018

<https://www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/council/minutes/28th-august-2018-council-meeting>

Council agreed to support the Ballot process for Coleraine BID at the full council meeting held 28th June 2024. Following a presentation by representatives of the Coleraine BID.

<https://www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/council/minutes/thursday-27-june-2024-the-council-meeting>

The CBID Business Plan will support the Prosperity & Place Objective 4: *to develop, manage and coordinate place making principles to ensure the vitality and sustainability of the Borough's towns and villages as places to be.*

Coleraine BID will also be a key contributor as the town centre business community voice for the Coleraine Long-Term Plan for Towns Board.

Proposal

The final Coleraine BID Business Plan 2024-2029 has been issued to all eligible businesses within the CBID area with a rateable value of over £9,000 for consideration in relation to the voting process. (Annex A, previously circulated.)

Any hereditaments under the £9,000 RV value will not be billed during the next BID term 2024-2029. In addition, the CBID board has reviewed the last term and agreed to exclude Charity organisations, Charity retailers and all places of worship from the scheme for the next term and therefore these sectors will not be liable for the levy payment regardless of rateable value. (Annex A page 13, previously circulated.)

If businesses support the actions within the plan, then they vote 'Yes' on the ballot paper. There are 249 hereditaments on the eligible list for the Coleraine BID and in order for the BID to proceed there must be a majority in favour by both rateable value and by number.

The postal ballot is conducted by CIVICA, London. The ballot will open on Monday 12th August 2024 and will close at 5pm Thursday 19th September 2024. The result will be issued on Friday 20th September 2024. If the majority are in favour of the BID, then it is mandatory for all businesses within the CBID area to pay the 2% levy and bills will be issued annually from October 2024 for a 5 year period. The minimum levy amount for the next term is £180 for businesses with a rateable value over £9,000.

There is also the opportunity for businesses below the threshold of £9,000 rateable value to take part in CBID promotional activities, but this will be at an individual cost to that business.

Council has been supportive of the previous CBID term, and the BID are aware that the BID levy must be used for actions in excess of normal service provided through the collection of business rates. Council and CBID previously partnered to issue the BID levy bills and collection of the same. Co-operation will be sought from the Chief Finance Officer in this process and an updated service level agreement will be drawn up to ensure that both parties are able to conduct the process efficiently. A fee for conducting this service can be raised by council and will be determined within the service level agreement.

There were 11 hereditaments allocated to Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council within the last CBID term 2018-2023. The introduction of a higher rateable value for the 2024-2029 term at £9,000 results in the number of properties allocated to Council reducing to 8 hereditaments as detailed in the table (previously circulated).

The levy amount is based on 2% of current rateable value.

Members will note from the table that the four main car parks are included in the Council portfolio which benefit from any increase in footfall in the town that the CBID activities and events bring.

As a ratepayer, Council will have 8 votes in relation to the Business Plan. CIVICA issued the ballot papers and these have been received by the Chief Executive. (Annex B Ballot Notification, previously circulated.)

Options

Option 1 - Members recommend a 'Yes' vote on the 8 ballot papers issued in relation to the proposed activities listed in the attached Business Plan and that Council continue to work with Coleraine BID to collect future levy payments as part of an updated Service Level Agreement.

Option 2 - Members do not recommend a 'Yes' vote on the 8 ballot papers issued in relation to the proposed activities listed in the attached Business Plan and that Council continue to work with Coleraine BID to collect future levy payments as part of an updated Service Level Agreement.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council accepts Option 1 and returns a 'Yes' vote on the Ballot papers in relation to the Coleraine BID Business Plan for 2024-2029 and that Council continue to work with Coleraine BID to collect future levy payments as part of an updated Service Level Agreement.

Councillor Watton proposed Option 1 and stated that BID has made a positive difference to the town centre. Alderman Boyle seconded this proposal.

Proposed by Councillor Watton

Seconded by Alderman Boyle

- That Council accepts Option 1 and returns a 'Yes' vote on the Ballot papers in relation to the Coleraine BID Business Plan for 2024-2029 and that Council continue to work with Coleraine BID to collect future levy payments as part of an updated Service Level Agreement.

- * **Councillor Holmes and Alderman Hunter joined the meeting at 7.13pm during consideration of this item.**

Alderman Callan stated that his party's view was that Council should abstain from the BID voting process, as they feel that the process should be led by local businesses rather than the public sector. He stated that this is now the standard approach taken by most Councils in the UK. Councillor Stirling seconded this amendment.

The Director of Leisure and Development noted that Council's total vote amounted to 8 votes out of a total of 262 that are eligible to apply.

- * **The Mobile Operations Officer and the ICT Technical Support Officer left the Chamber at 7.15pm.**

Amendment

Proposed by Alderman Callan

Seconded by Councillor Stirling

- That Council abstains from the BID voting process, to let the voice of local businesses in Coleraine be heard in respect of whether they want the BID process to continue.

The Mayor put the Amendment by Alderman Callan, seconded by Councillor Stirling, to the Council to Vote.

11 Members voted For; 23 Members voted Against; 0 Members Abstained.

The Mayor declared the Amendment lost.

The Mayor put the Proposal to the Council to Vote.
23 Members voted For; 0 Members voted Against; 11 Members Abstained.
The Mayor declared the Proposal carried.

RESOLVED – That Council accepts Option 1 and returns a ‘Yes’ vote on the Ballot papers in relation to the Coleraine BID Business Plan for 2024-2029 and that Council continue to work with Coleraine BID to collect future levy payments as part of an updated Service Level Agreement.

7. MATTERS FOR REPORTING TO THE PARTNERSHIP PANEL

The Chief Executive advised that the matters raised in the August Council meeting had been passed to the Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA), which provides the secretariat for the Partnership Panel. In response to a question from Councillor McShane, the Chief Executive advised that the matters referred from the August Council meeting would be considered in a pre-meeting, where Councils will collectively decide the main agenda for the Partnership Panel meeting in September.

8. CONFERENCES

Report, previously circulated, was presented as read by the Chief Executive.

Purpose of report

The purpose of the report is to inform Elected Members of conferences and courses they may wish to attend.

The following is listed:

8.1 Northern Ireland Economic Conference 2024

Date: Wednesday 20 November 2024

Venue: Titanic Hotel, Belfast, Belfast

Delegate Fee: Delegate fee £255 + VAT

Voluntary/community/council delegate fee £165 + VAT

The Northern Ireland Economic Conference, now in its 29th year, is Northern Ireland’s premier economic analysis event and is unique in being the only forum that takes a high-level look at the performance of, and prospects for the local economy. It is firmly established as the annual autumn summit for Northern Ireland’s economic community, including policy makers and business leaders.

Creating good jobs, promoting regional balance, raising productivity and achieving net zero by 2050

The performance of the Northern Ireland economy remains a challenge. Budgetary pressures mean that spending is constrained, at a time when Northern Ireland's economy needs to address long-standing issues such as being a laggard in terms of productivity and having high rates of working age economic inactivity. To address these challenges, the Economy Minister Conor Murphy MLA announced his vision for the local economy; to create good jobs, promote regional balance in the economy, raise productivity and achieve a net zero carbon economy by 2050. Underpinning his four strategic aims, the Minister has recalibrated the Department's skills agenda and proposed a range of interventions to align with these objectives.

In June, Minister Murphy launched action plans designed to enhance growth across seven of the most innovative, productive and export-orientated economic sectors. This year's programme will include a panel discussion with representatives from the seven growth areas:

- Agri-tech;
- Life and health sciences;
- Advanced manufacturing, materials and engineering;
- Fintech/Financial services;
- Software (including cybersecurity);
- Screen industries; and
- Low carbon technologies (including green hydrogen).

For further information regarding the event and how to book tickets please see the following link.

- [Northern Ireland Economic Conference 2024 \(agendani.com\)](https://www.agendani.com)

Elected Members should contact Democratic Services to register interest.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council consider the Conference report.

Council NOTED the report.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence report, previously circulated, was presented by the Chief Executive.

The purpose of the report is to present correspondence for Members' consideration.

The following correspondence has been received:

i) Louise Anderson, Department for Communities, 13 August 2024

Extract

Thank you for your invitation of the 14th June for Minister Gordon Lyons to attend a Council meeting with Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council in December. Unfortunately, Minister Lyons is unable to attend the council meeting but has asked a senior official to attend on his behalf. Please contact homelessness@communities-ni.gov.uk to make the necessary arrangements.

Further correspondence was received via email on 19 August 2024 to confirm David Polley, Director in Housing Supply Policy and will be attending the Council Meeting on 3rd December 2024.

Councillor Wilson welcomed the response from Minister Lyons, noting that although he is unable to attend the Council meeting, Council is making inroads to opening the discussion.

Councillor Storey noted that it was agreed at the last Planning Committee meeting that if Minister Lyons is unable to attend a Council meeting, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Planning Committee should go to meet the Minister. He stated that the housing crisis has been ignored for years.

Councillor Watton stated that he agreed with Councillor Storey, that the situation is dire and getting worse every day.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council consider the correspondence.

Council NOTED Correspondence Item (i).

ii) **Councillor Lillian Seeno Barr, Mayor, Derry City and Strabane District Council, 7 August 2024**

Extract

At a Meeting of Derry City and Strabane District Council held on 24 July 2024, the following Proposal was passed:

That this Council will work with local hospitality venues to ensure they have a QR code of their menu available at the door or upon entry, welcoming all our residents who are blind or partially-sighted.

The Council recognises the expertise of the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB), their vision for a world where blind and partially sighted people participate equally, and their goal of breaking down the barriers for blind and partially sighted people.

The Council also recognises the expertise of Angel Eyes NI, a charity that supports children and young people with vision impairment and their families.

Their mission is that, through engagement with children and young people,

their families, and relevant stakeholders, they will help overcome barriers for children who are blind or partially sighted.

This Council will work with RNIB and Angel Eyes NI to ensure the project's success and that all menus and menu formats are accessible, in line with visual impairment best practice guidelines.

This Council will write to the other councils within NI to encourage them to become visually aware districts and promote a similar project.

I would appreciate your consideration in this important matter and would be grateful for a response at your earliest opportunity.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council consider the correspondence.

Councillor Wilson stated that this is a very welcome initiative. He stated that he is aware that Council officers endeavour to ensure that accessibility is considered in respect of Council events and buildings. He proposed that officers bring a paper to the relevant Committee to explore the introduction of a similar initiative in this Council area.

Councillor Peacock agreed with Councillor Wilson's comments and noted that, with this area becoming a food destination, it is important that it is open to everyone.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor Peacock and

RESOLVED – that the relevant Committee considers the provision of QR codes linking to menus at the entrance to hospitality venues, to assist those with sight loss.

iii) Keith Leighton, Captain, Bann Rowing Club, 21 August 2024

Extract

I am writing on behalf of the Committee and Members of Bann Rowing Club, Hannah and the Scott family to express our thanks to you and your team for the part you played in making Hannah's homecoming celebrations such a success.

We do appreciate that a lot of hard work had to be done at very short notice. We are indebted to all the organisations, agencies and local businesses who collaborated to make the events happen in the Rowing Club, the town centre and the Town Hall. We were overwhelmed by the support and goodwill from the local community who were present on the day.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council consider the correspondence.

Council NOTED Correspondence Item (iii).

10. CONSULTATION SCHEDULE

Consultation schedule, previously circulated, presented as read by the Chief Executive.

Open Consultations

- Department of Finance EQIA in regard to the NICS Apprenticeship Policy
- The Workforce Development Trust UK Government review of National Occupational Standards related to resilience and emergency planning submission by 30 September 2024
- The Executive Office Consultation on the Executive Office Budget Allocation 2024- 2025 submission by 8 November 2024
- Department of Health Healthy Start eligibility for families who cannot access public funds submission by 23 October 2024
- Northern Health and Social Care Trust Consultation: Working with you to Transform General Surgery submission by 29 November 2024

Available to View -

- Department of Finance Equality screening on the DoF Budget 2024-25 – Allocation
- Northern Health and Social Care Trust Five year Disability Action Plan and Equality Action Plan (2024-29)
- Department of Health Independent Review of Children's Social Care Services
- HSC NI Screening exercises for the period Apr– Jun 2024 for:
 - Blood Transfusion Service
 - Business Services Organisation
 - Children's Court Guardian Agency for Northern Ireland
 - NI Medical and Dental Training Agency
 - NI Practice and Education Council for Nursing and Midwifery
 - Northern Ireland Social Care Council
 - Patient and Client Council
 - Public Health Agency
 - Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority
 - Safeguarding Board NI

Councillor Storey stated that the Executive Office's Consultation on the Executive Office Budget Allocation 2024- 2025 should be referred to the Planning Committee, in respect of the rural needs impact assessment. Alderman S McKillop stated that she would like to see all departments feeding back to this consultation.

Proposed by Alderman S McKillop
Seconded by Alderman Fielding and

RESOLVED – that Council refers the Executive Office’s Consultation on the Executive Office Budget Allocation 2024- 2025 to all Council departments and collates and submits a corporate response.

Councillor Storey expressed concern regarding the Northern Health and Social Care Trust Consultation: Working with you to Transform General Surgery and the removal of services from Causeway Hospital. He stated that while Council has no power over the decision made, it should submit a corporate response in which it asks the Minister and Health Department to address people’s concerns urgently, and to establish the Trust’s commitment to the continued provision of hospital services at Causeway Hospital. He suggested that Council engage professional advice in drafting its response.

Councillor Wilson stated that he wished to echo Councillor Storey’s comments. He stated that massive reforms are needed to the Health Service, to ensure that it is adequately funded and staffed. He stated that having general surgery is critical to having an emergency department, and it is critical to retain the emergency department at Causeway Hospital. He noted that there is widespread concern about this proposal, and that the Council, as a corporate body, should ask the Department to answer people's questions on this.

Councillor Kane stated that Council should have its voice heard, but that it should first listen to what is being proposed, as he has heard a range of different versions. He suggested that Council invite a representative of the Northern Trust to present the proposals to Council.

The Chief Executive summarised Members wishes as follows: that Council contacts the Chief Executive of the Northern Trust to arrange a meeting in person, possibly in the form of a special deputation to Council, to discuss the consultation proposals, and, in parallel, that Council drafts a corporate response to this consultation that can be used as the basis for that discussion. He suggested that the draft response could be put before the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee.

Councillor Storey reminded Members of the Bengoa report and its recommendation to have fewer hospitals here. He suggested that it would be useful to have a timeline of the provision at Causeway Hospital under Minister McGimpsey through to now, to identify where the service has improved and where improvement is needed.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor Storey and

RESOLVED – That Council requests a meeting with the Chief Executive of the Northern Health and Social Care Trust to discuss the ‘Working with you to Transform General Surgery’ consultation, and that Council drafts and submits a corporate response to this consultation.

11. SEAL DOCUMENTS

Members were advised of the undernoted items for signing and sealing by Council, approval having been previously granted and all necessary legislative requirements being met.

- (i) Grave Registry Certificates, No’s 5830 to 5840 inclusive;
- (ii) Contract for the Collection and Processing of Local Authority-Collected Kerbside Recyclables (awarded to ReGen Waste Ltd) (Ref ES 240611/CM 240627);
- (iii) Employee Car Loan Agreement (Employee Ref 502/2002).

Proposed by Councillor Kane
Seconded by Councillor Callaghan and

RESOLVED – that the Sealing of documents, as listed, be approved (Items i-iii).

12. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY ALDERMAN BOYLE, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MAIRS

Notice of Motion: Freedom of the Borough

That this Council award the Freedom of the Borough to Hannah Scott, in recognition of her outstanding achievement in winning a Gold Medal in the Women’s Quadruple Skulls, as part of the Great Britain and Northern Ireland team, at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Hannah is the first woman from Northern Ireland to win an Olympic Gold Medal since 1972. Granting the Borough’s highest honour to her would be a fitting recognition of her success, and status as a role model to all young people in this Borough, especially young women and girls.

The Mayor advised that this item had been referred to the working group.

13. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR STIRLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ANDERSON - WITHDRAWN

I call upon the council to celebrate the incredible achievements of Hannah Scott. History was made as Hannah Scott became the first athlete from County Londonderry to win a gold medal at the Olympics.

I propose that the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council hold a Special Reception to honour and congratulate our own Olympic Gold Medallist.

The Mayor advised that this item had been withdrawn.

14. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR STIRLING, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN CALLAN

I ask that Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council bestow the Freedom of the Borough onto Hannah Scott in recognition of her amazing achievement of helping Team GB and NI win gold in a thrilling women's quadruple sculls final at the Paris 2024 Olympics.

The Mayor advised that this item had been referred to the working group.

15. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR KYLE, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JONATHAN MCAULEY

In light of Hannah Scott's tremendous achievement in winning a gold medal during the Paris 2024 Olympics, we the above propose that Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council suitably recognise Hannah with an event in Coleraine, the home of her rowing club, also we propose to consider a fitting and lasting tribute that may act as an inspiration to many young people who strive to the best in the world of their chosen sport.

The Mayor advised that this item had been referred to the working group.

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'

Proposed by Councillor Kane
Seconded by Alderman Callan and

RESOLVED – that Council move 'In Committee'.

- * **Press left the meeting at 7.47pm.**
- * **The Democratic and Central Services Manager left the meeting at 7.47pm.**

The information contained in the following item is restricted in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014.

16. P3 MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS

Confidential report, by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014, previously circulated, was presented by the Chief Finance Officer.

Background

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council (CC&GBC) consists of 4 legacy councils that merged on 1 April 2015 into 1 council. The council is currently made up of 3 directorates (Leisure and Development, Environmental Services, Corporate Policy and Resources) and includes a Planning, Finance and Legal department, that are reported separately in this report. The Annual Budgeted Spend for 2024/25 controlled by the Directorates is £82.410m (excludes depreciation, actuarial adjustments, provisions, accumulated absences, and it is these figures that change the figures in the Audited Accounts). Gross Income is budgeted at £81.978m the difference being a budgeted applied balance of £0.432m for the year.

Financial Overview by Directorate

The table circulated details a summary of the financial position at period 3 (up to and including 30 June 2024):

Council is showing a favourable variance against budget at period 3 amounting to £122,392 which is a solid position to be in as we commence the financial year. It should be noted that this however is not a surplus but rather a positive variance against budget, Council set a deficit budget for 2022/25 of £0.432m therefore should this position be maintained throughout the year Council would be in deficit by £0.309m, decreasing reserves by this amount.

In response to a request from Alderman Callan, the Chief Finance Officer agreed to bring a report through the October Finance Committee meeting on the total cost to the organisation from the extraordinary audit, the transformation programme, and the legal costs incurred relating to the injunction and the judicial review.

Council NOTED the Report.

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN PUBLIC'

Proposed by Councillor Schenning
Seconded by Councillor C Archibald and

AGREED – to recommend that Committee move '*In Public*'.

This being all the business, The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 7.57pm.

Mayor